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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from the Merseburg Area

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25X4 EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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25X1A DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 16 July 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] 20 to 25 trucks, occupied by troops wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and commanded by a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered golden epaulets entered the Leuna Plant. The troops, who were armed with carbines and submachine guns, occupied the installation. [REDACTED] they came from Merseburg airfield. [REDACTED] martial law was declared in Merseburg. Groups of soldiers wearing black-bordered blue and black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen in the town. [REDACTED] an undetermined number of 57-mm and 100-mm AT guns and about 20 T-34 tanks were in front of the Leuna Plant. [REDACTED] some of the tanks had come from the Flak Kaserne, Merseburg. [REDACTED] about three companies of motorcycle riflemen equipped with machine guns mounted on the sidecars; and about 30 armored scout cars were seen in the town area and near the hospital. Informants stated that the troops arrived from the direction of Weissenfels [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] there was no flying at the Merseburg airfield. Armored scout cars, [REDACTED] were observed in the town.

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